

First Sunday of Advent Hymns

Entrance Hymn: Prepare the Way (H/O)

Refrain

Prepare the way for the coming of God.
Make a straight path for the coming of God.
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Every valley fill it in. Every mountain make it small.
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Crooked pathways, make them straight. All the rough land, make it smooth.
Crooked pathways, make them straight. All the rough land, make it smooth. **Refrain**

All will see God's power strong. God has promised, glory comes.
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Lighting of Wreath Hymn: Come, Lord! Maranatha

Come, Lord! Maranatha! Come and bring us your peace.
Come, Lord! Maranatha! Come to us, set us free.
Come now and bring us your peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.
To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths, guide me. You are my savior.
Refrain

Good and upright our gracious God, showing the way, guiding the humble to justice. **Refrain**

Steadfast and kind your ways, O God; all who revere your covenant know your friendship.
Refrain

Alleluia (Mass of Renewal)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Show us your love, light our way
We put our trust in you, our love, our hope

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Preparation of the Gifts

Instrumental by Analise (our Confirmandi)

Spirit Blowing Through Creation (G 325)

Spirit blowing through creation, Spirit burning in the skies,
Let the hope of your salvation fill our eyes;
God of splendor, God of glory, You who light the stars above,
Come, renew your whole creation in your love.

As you moved upon the waters, As you ride upon the wind,
Move us all your sons and daughters deep within;
As you shaped the hills and mountains, Formed the land and filled the deep,
Let your hand renew and waken all who sleep.

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Spirit renewing the earth, renewing the hearts of all people;
Burn in the weary souls, blow through the silent lips, come now awake us, Spirit of God.

Love that sends the rivers dancing, Love that waters all that lives,
Love that heals and holds and rouses and forgives;
You are food for all your creatures, You are hunger in the soul,
In your hands the broken-hearted are made whole.

All the creatures you have fashioned, All that lie and breathe in you,
Find their hope in your compassion, strong and true;
You, O Spirit of salvation, You alone, beneath, above,
Come renew your whole creation in your love. **Refrain**

Communion Song: You Call Us Lord/Creator of the Stars of Night (H/O and BB 67)

Refrain

In this place of wood and stone, of hungry hearts, of bread and cup,
make us Your church, a house and home built on your abiding love.

Creator of the stars of night, YOur people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call **Refrain**
In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty. **Refrain**

When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch but the child Of Mary, blameless mother mild. **Refrain**

At your great Name, O Jesus, ow All news must bend, all hearts must bow;

All things on earth with one accord, Like those in heaven, shall call your Lord. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Sacred Creation (H/O)

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Sacred the land, sacred the water, sacred the sky, holy and true.
Sacred all life, sacred each other; all reflect god who is good.

All praise be yours through Brother Sun, bearing a likeness of you, Most high one.
Sister Moon and Stars who are precious, splendid, ride your glorious sky. **Refrain**

Brother Wind and Air that pervades, vary their moods to sustain all you've made.
Sister Water, useful and pure, lowly, freely changing her life. **Refrain**

Through Brother Fire you brighten the night, strong and robust, yet playful and bright.
Sister Earth, our mother who nurtures, feeding, yielding flower and herb. **Refrain**

Song of Sending: Ready the Way (BB62)

“Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!”
A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Ready the way of the Lord!”

“Let every valley be filled. Let every valley be filled.
Let every mountain be humbled; let every valley be filled.”

Refrain

Here is your God, coming with your vindication
Look and behold the saving power of God.